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29 August 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Comptroller

ATTENTION:

Mr. [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

DD/I Travel Problems

REFERENCE:

Memo from Chief, Fiscal Div., to Deputy Comptroller dated 29 July 1958, Subject: Audit of DD/I Travel Claims

1. Chief, Fiscal Division states that his people had no occasion to question or take exception to local calls made on official business and that Fiscal would have no need for such information as to who was called and what the number was. OCR people tell me that whether Fiscal had need for the information or not they did in fact request the information. Mr. [REDACTED] the traveler involved, is no longer assigned departmentally but is off on an 18-month training program and the matter does not seem of sufficient importance to pursue further.

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2. As to the case involving certification for use of superior accommodations we accept Fiscal's statements as correct.

3. With regard to the third case mentioned, namely that of requiring our Assistant Directors not only to sign travel vouchers which include taxi fares, but also separately to certify that the use of taxis was authorized, it is still our contention that by approving the voucher the Assistant Director has automatically authorized the use of the taxis in question. If a separate certification is required by government regulation, it should be spelled out in the CIA regulations since it obviously becomes a source of irritation to individuals who attempt to follow the regulations in the preparation of vouchers only to find that an item is rejected because of their non-compliance with some requirement about which they were ignorant.


4. I realize that the people whose job it is to process these vouchers must be confronted daily with a myriad of omissions, deviations, mistakes and minor errors which not only complicate and slow down their work but serve as a continuing source of annoyance to them. I also believe that our people earnestly try to submit

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vouchers in complete and acceptable form. Now there will always be minor problems which arise but I would suggest that if your travel people could take a minute to explain the reasons behind the disallowances and to tell us exactly what is required in a given case and why, we would not only eliminate some of the ill feeling but probably speed up the work in all the offices involved.


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